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## FOREST FIRE APPARATUS COMPLETED; READY FOR IMMEDIATE SERVICE DUTY; TO BE HOUSED AT THE FIRE STATION

The Northfield forest fire department is now fully organized and as provided by warrant and an appropriation passed at the last town meeting, has secured a complete equipment for forest fire fighting. One of the town trucks was taken over by purchase and thoroughly overhauled. The old body was removed and a new one built thereon, which carries the portable power pump, a large reel of one inch hose, a large tank of water, and supplies of axes, shovels and pikes. A long ladder will be carried on the side. The truck is equipped with several lamps and electric search lights.

The driver and one member can ride in the cab, while the truck will carry six additional persons on the side seats. It is painted a vivid red and on the doors of the cab are the initials, N. F. F. D. The apparatus which was constructed at the garage of the Northfield hotel, was removed this week to a place in the fire departments building adjoining the town hall and will be ready at a moments notice to respond to any emergency call.

Fortunately its equipment is so complete that the apparatus could supplement the work of the local fire department if its service was required in a large fire.

Forest Fire Warden Charles L. Johnson is to be congratulated on giving to this community this complete forest fire fighting equipment. The deputy forest fire warden are Carlton Holton, Otis S. Fisher, Edwad C. Bolton, Clifford L. Bolton, Charles L. Gilbert, George Barlow, Hermon Fisher and Merritt Sibley.

### Easter Program At Local Church

The church choir of thirty-five voices will present a double program of Easter music on Easter Sunday morning and evening at the Congregational church, Northfield; the morning service will be at 11 o'clock and the evening at 7.

"Christ Triumphant" is an Easter cantata arranged for a choir of mixed voices. The composer of this work has written many beautiful compositions but this seems to be the climax of all her previous efforts. "Christ Triumphant" consists of solos for soprano, alto, tenor and bass, and a number of choruses of unusual beauty and merit.

Part one of this cantata will be given on Sunday morning; part two will be given in the evening. People in Northfield and around will not fail to hear this presentation.

### Girl Scouts Rally

In the town hall on Monday, April 17 will be held the local Girls Scouts rally with Miss Thelma Trott and Mrs. Hollis French of the staff of the state headquarters as the guest speakers. An all day training course will be given and representatives of several neighboring troops will be in attendance.

### SHADES

I said it on the meadow-path,  
I say it on the mountain stairs:  
The best things any mortal hath  
Are those which every mortal shares.

The air we breathe, the sky, the  
breeze,  
The light without us and within,  
Life, with its unlocked treasures,

God's riches are for all to win.  
The grass is softer to my tread,  
For rest it yields unnumbered feet;

Sweeter to me the wild rose red,  
Because she makes the whole  
world sweet.

Into your heavenly loneliness  
Ye welcomed me, O solemn  
peaks!

And me in every guest you bless  
Who reverently your mystery  
seeks.

And up the radiant peopled way  
That opens into worlds un-  
known

It will be life's delight to say,  
"Heaven is not Heaven for me  
alone."

Rich by my brethren's poverty!  
Such wealth were hideous! I  
am blest

Only in what they share with me,  
In what I share with all the rest  
—Lucy Larcom

### Best Seller List To Be Considered

The members of the Fortnightly will meet at Alexander hall this afternoon at three o'clock in a regular session, with Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed the president, presiding. She will present Mrs. Ellen Ely Kyburg who will speak of books, "In and Out of the Best Seller List." The tea hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. Warren Whitman, Mrs. A. J. Marston and Miss Julia Austin.

The next and final meeting of the Fortnightly for the season will be the annual session in Alexander hall on Friday, April 21 at 3 o'clock.

Sometimes ago the Fortnightly offered prizes to the two best essays on "Good Citizenship" to be submitted by pupils of the public schools and now announce that awards have been made to Margaret Mary Donahue and Betty Nilo.

### Road Construction Work Goes On

The contractors of the work of construction for the new Wanamaker road, Route 10, to connect with the Winchester highway, are pushing the work along in earnest. Wanamaker road is closed and a detour posted via Winchester Rd.

A large shovel is levelling the hill north of the Kingsbury home and filling the meadow land to the small brook, where a culvert is being constructed. On the Wanamaker road the ditches are being dug and the drain pipes laid, while near the Octagon house the bank is being attacked by a shovel and the dirt used for the fill. The top of the hill on Pierson road is being lowered and the gravel used for fill. Pierson road is closed to traffic. Bernardi and Co. have a large force of men working and mean to complete the job in four months.

### Advertising Fund Is Believed Raised

The filing of complete reports in the Pioneer Valley campaign for funds to advertise Hampshire, Hampden and Franklin counties was postponed Monday night to this evening on account of the storm and the inability of committee members to get about.

Indications were the quota was surpassed by several hundred dollars. In Greenfield an effort will be made to complete reports by Friday and Monday has been set as the limit. Several of the smaller towns in Franklin county have not yet reported.

Northfield has reported subscriptions and cash to the amount of about \$380. John T. Holden is the chairman of the local soliciting committee.

### Many Hostel Trips Are Already Filled

The headquarters of the Youth Hostel here, announce that many enrollments are being made for the various hostel trips, both home and abroad, which were announced and publicized for the coming summer. Thus far the most popular trip according to enrollment is the one to Holland, Germany, Switzerland, France and Belgium. The first section will be in charge of John P. Dyck, a teacher in the schools of Los Angeles, Calif. The second group will be led by Francis H. Oldham of Ewan, N. J. These two groups will sail July 1 and return Sept. 5. The pioneer group to Mexico will leave Laredo, Texas July 10. Other groups to various foreign countries, through the United States and Canada are now forming. The total enrollment now exceeds that of last year for the same period.

### Spring Alumni Meetings

Hermon Alumni secretary, Frank E. Dunn, is the principal speaker at five Mount Hermon club dinners next week. The schedule of alumni dinner meetings is as follows: April 10, Hartford Hermon club at the Hotel Bond; April 11, Boston club at the Chamber of Commerce; April 12, New Haven club at the Hotel Taft; April 13, Bridgeport club at the Hotel Stratfield; and April 14, New York City club at the Commodore.

On April 17 the Franklin county club will hold its annual dinner meeting in West hall on the Mount Hermon campus.

### Religious Education Conference Dates Are In July, 10 To 21

The third summer conference to meet in Northfield this year is the Religious Education conference, which will gather on the Seminary campus July 10 to 21 inclusive.

This conference, which is perhaps the oldest summer training school of its type in the country, has two main purposes of parallel importance: to provide a deepening of religious experience and to supply an adequate training in methods of Christian work so that this experience may be shared with others.

The faculty, composed of men and women of Christian character, thorough training and practical experience, will conduct about thirty courses in Bible study, personal religion and methods.

Many of the students who attend this conference, have done so for several years, during which time they take a graded course of study and receive diplomas for their work.

It is in reality a summer school and at its head is Rev. Herbert W. Gates, Dean and Registrar of the conference.

Those who desire further information regarding this conference should write to Dean Gates at 6 Beacon street, Boston.

### Fair Stamps Here

Postmaster Skilton of the East Northfield post office has received a consignment of the new New York World's Fair commemorative postage stamps. They are of the three-cent denomination, printed in purple and show the trolley and perisphere on its face. Already the sale of these stamps has exceeded that of any other issue in the nation. Everybody wants these stamps. A few of the first day covers were received by stamp collectors in this town.

### Hear of Flowers

The regular meeting of the Garden club was held Monday evening at Alexander hall with a good attendance of the members who were privileged to hear a most interesting account of these flowers, gardens, etc., of the south, by Mrs. Martin E. Vorce, who has just returned from a visit to the southlands.

The Kurn Hattin Homes at Westminster is to have a gymnasium, the funds for the new building having been contributed by an anonymous donor. It will be built as a single unit to which later additions can be made for other purposes such as a swimming pool.

Gentleman: I'd love to marry you some day.

Film Actress: All right, I'll put you on my wedding list.

Poet: Whenever I read a beautiful spring poem it makes me feel like a bird and I want to fly above the clouds.

Editor: Yes, every time I read one it makes me soar.

### The Auto Inspection Is Now Under Way Garages Are Busy

The compulsory inspection of motor vehicles which began on April 1 was advanced a month by order of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Frank A. Goodwin, and is now under way with every garage in Northfield kept busy on cars looking after their brakes, lights and other equipment. When the car is in proper condition a new sticker is attached to the windshield which will permit driving.

Beginning April 17, the Registrar declared, all the inspectors who can be spared will be on the highways to stop all automobiles not showing windshield stickers. They will inspect those cars and if any are considered unsafe because of bad equipment, the plates will be taken away immediately and the owners will lose the use of their cars for a number of days.

Better make sure of proper conditioning by taking your car to your garage as soon as possible.

### An Organ Needed

The Virginia Fresh Air camp is in need of an organ and there is hope that one will be forthcoming from one of our homes in town or elsewhere. A good used organ which will give good service will be highly appreciated by the groups of girls which come each summer to the camp for a vacation. If any of our readers are in possession of an organ which they will donate, won't you please telephone 93, Mrs. William R. Moody, chairman of the Virginia camp committee.

### Items of Interest

"Old Peppersass" the first locomotive in the world to climb a mountain and the original engine of the Mt. Washington railway, will be taken to the New York World's Fair to be exhibited in the railroad building.

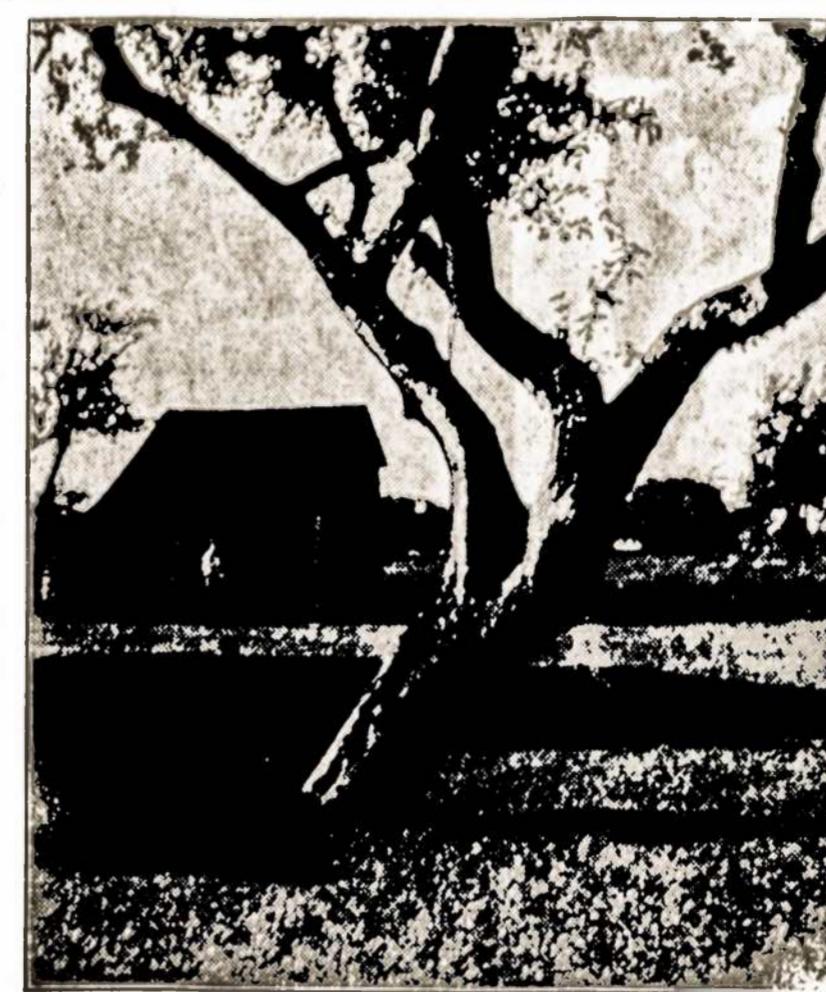
Industrial activity in Massachusetts shows quite a gain in February over the same month of last year. The gain amounts to about nine per cent. Factory employment and electric consumption showed a fine increase.

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THE OLD APPLE TREE

Gradually the apple trees are disappearing and the few remaining ones are simply remnants of the old and prosperous orchards. On many a plot and farm these few remaining trees afford a resting place and breeding sanctuary for all sorts of insects. Recently up Winchester road way our efficient moth inspector and his crew found such trees fully infested and in order to destroy the clusters of moth had to burn them out. Some persons still cling to the old apple tree as their insects afford a feeding place for the birds but soon even the last remaining tree will succumb to the woodsman's ax.

### Hermon-Seminary

### Issue Circle Tickets To Visit Both Fairs

Easter Sunday both Northfield Seminary and Mount Hermon school are to hear well known speakers from the field of education and religion.

Dean Thomas W. Graham of Oberlin university will address the Northfield Seminary girls at both the 11 o'clock and 3 o'clock services in Russell Sage chapel. The boys of Mount Hermon will hear Dr. Henry Hallam Tweedy of Yale. Services in Memorial chapel at Mount Hermon will take place at 10:30 a. m. and 5 p. m.

Easter music in both schools is under the direction of Melvin L. Gallagher.

It is expected that some of Northfield's citizens expect to take advantage of this circle ticket to visit both fairs.

According to word received from the State Department of Public Works, efforts will be made to open the Mohawk Trail for traffic as early in May as possible, probably not later than May 30.

### Another CCC Camp May Locate Here

A rumor has reached Warwick that another CCC camp may be established hereabouts, probably nearer Northfield than the present camp. The statement was also published this week in the press but the fact has not been verified.

The two present camps at Warwick, which includes Camp 1153 near Northfield are known to be overcrowded and the sending of additional men to this territory to assist in the elimination of the fire hazard, would require the addition of facilities. Northfield would welcome the establishment of such a camp within its borders and the assistance which such a camp would render to the tasks presented in the hurricane devastated areas.

### Committee Organized

The town tree committee at a meeting held this week Tuesday, with Charles C. Stearns as chairman and A. P. Pitt as secretary, had a full attendance of its members consisting of L. A. Polhemus, Joseph R. Colton, Dean Williams and Roderick Parker.

The subject matter of the re-planting of our streets with trees was carefully considered, the kind of trees and just what cooperation the state will give to the main highway.

Williams and Parker will make a survey of conditions and needs immediately and report at a meeting next Tuesday evening. Interested citizens are invited to send suggestions to Mr. Stearns.

### Game Club Program

Next Monday evening the Northfield Fish and Game club will hold a supper and dance at the town hall with a program of entertainment intervening. Tickets have sold rapidly and a large attendance is expected. On Wednesday evening the club held its annual meeting at 7:30 o'clock at the town hall.

### April Fool Weather You Take Your Choice Rain, Snow, Cold, Sun

Last week it appeared as if winter was closing out and everyone felt happy, for it had been a long and tedious season. Farmers were looking forward to the drying of their land and the coming days of plowing. Conditions then already were about three weeks behind that of last year. But behold, what a day can bring forth. Sunday morning, following rain, the weather turned cold and stormy and snow fell in an unusual quantity. The trees were laden with the snow flakes and branches cracked beneath the weight. It was a disagreeable day and plans for motor trips and excursions had to be cancelled. About four inches of snow fell here, covering everything with its mantle of white. A gale came along also about the same time and electric wires and telephone wires were down in many places. Brattleboro was without electricity for quite a while and Charlemont also returned to the old fashion lamp for illumination.

Snow in the Berkshires was reported as twelve to fourteen inches deep and travel over the trails was well nigh impossible. Many cars were stalled in the drifts. Traffic made its way with difficulty here over the slippery road and motor accidents from various places were reported. It is said that a car containing summer residents of Northfield, who had been here to spend the week-end met with a bad accident on the highway about five miles east of Athol on Sunday, driving through the storm on their way home. The car had skidded and was badly damaged.

Well Wednesday the sun has come out, and the snow is gradually melting. Warmer weather is in the offing and the citizens will be happier for the promise of a pleasant Easter. The farmer needs to get busy on his acreage.

### Will Show Esteem To Their Physician

A few of the patients in Northfield of Dr. George Anderson, recently in a conference decided that they would like to express their personal appreciation, for what he has done for them and arrange a gathering. However they were anxious that everyone who has been a patient and not in the original group, should be included, and they are asking all such to send a postal to Miss Carrie Jeannette Cooke at Kenarden hall, or telephone her (95) to hear about further details of this testimonial to Dr. Anderson.

### The Northfield Calendar

MAY 14 Northfield Schools Sacred Concert

JUNE 12 Northfield Seminary Commencement

Mount Hermon School Commencement

JUNE 23-30 Northfield Girls' Conference

JULY 3-10 Northfield Missionary Conference

JULY 10-21 Conference of Religious Education

JULY 15-22 United Presbyterian Conference

JULY 24-31 Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Conference

JULY 24-AUGUST 14 Westminster Choir College

JULY 29-AUGUST 14 Northfield General Conference

AUGUST 13 Northfield Festival of Sacred Music

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### TOWN TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Whitmore of Main street quietly observed the 55th anniversary of their wedding last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillman Starkey of Springfield visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Starkey at their home in Northfield Farms last week.

Among those who will be received into membership of the Congregational church, by letter on Sunday, will be Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell and Miss Virginia Moody Powell.

Rev. W. H. Giebel and his son, Glen, are visiting relatives in Rochester, N. Y. this week.

At the Palm Sunday services at the Congregational church last Sunday, the choir rendered several selections and Miss Helen Savcheff gave a violin solo, "The Palma" accompanied on the piano by Miss Gloria Savcheff.

Easter day, Sunday, services at St. James Episcopal church in Greenfield are at 7:30 a. m., Holy Communion; 11 a. m., Holy Communion; 4:30 p. m., children's service.

Miss June Wright is at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright for the Easter vacation.

A. Gordon Moody, manager of the Northfield hotel, who has been recently and in a Boston hospital, returned home this week.

Dog owners should get the new tags for their dogs at the office of the town clerk this month without fail.

Migratory birds are seen frequently these days in large flocks going north, stopping now and then for food along the way.

The first of the week many geese were observed following the river valley and headed north.

Yesterday, Thursday, was observed by the state and nation as Army Day. In the larger cities, military displays were made and public meetings held.

A number of our citizens who have kept their cars in the garage since January first, had them registered this week. Cars registered since April first save a portion of their fee and insurance costs.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Ray and Miss Clae Damon from Providence, R. I. spent last weekend here at their cottage "Briar Crest."

Dr. and Mrs. Elliot W. Brown of Main street, who have spent the winter in Florida, are expected back at their home here, this weekend.

Quite a number of people have visited Northfield recently, to look about for accommodations for the summer vacation. It is said that a number of homes have already been rented.

Moving picture at Mount Hermon Saturday night will be "The Citadel" based on the book of the same name.

Mrs. William W. Coe was the hostess at her home Wednesday afternoon to the members of the Women's Missionary society of the Congregational. Mrs. W. Stanley Carne and Mrs. Edward Powell spoke of the Christian church in India.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of Northfield Farms held a dance in Union hall on Thursday evening.

The Northfield chapter of the Eastern Star held its regular meeting Wednesday evening in the Masonic hall on Parker St.

A number of our local young people attended the dance given by the boys of CCC camp 1153 at Malcolm Hall in Warwick Tuesday evening.

The annual meeting of the Northfield Athletic association will be held at the town hall, Monday evening, April 17. Dr. A. H. Wright is the president of the organization, Henry J. Johnson, secretary.

Dean Thomas W. Graham of Oberlin college, who will be the Easter Sunday speaker in Sage Chapel, will address the boys of Mount Hermon school during the noon assembly on Saturday.

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Beautiful EASTER LILLIES per bud ... 15c

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Golden GRAHAM CRACKERS ..... 2-lb box 15c

Del Monte Fancy Red SALMON ..... can 19c

Rural Gold FRUIT COCKTAIL ..... 2 No. 2½ cans 35c

Armour's PICKLED PIGS' FEET ..... 7-oz jar 10c

Widemar GRAPE JUICE ..... pint bottle 12c

Portland Fancy Maine GOLDEN BANTAM CORN .. 3 No. 2 cans 25c

Armour's DEVILLED MEATS ..... 3 cans 13c

Tropic Gold GRAPEFRUIT JUICE ..... 4 No. 2 cans 25c

Pine Cone TOMATO CATSUP ..... 14-oz bottle 9c

Washburn Crosby PANCAKE FLOUR ..... pkg 7c

Cannon GREEN BEANS ..... 3 No. 2 cans 25c

Country Kist PEAS ..... can 10c

## CHURCH SERVICES



### TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunrise service will be conducted by the members of the Christian Endeavor on Round Top, Easter Sunday morning at 7 o'clock. Sunday school at 10; Easter service at 11 with music by the choir; members will be received into the church; sermon subject, "The Risen Dead." Sunday school at the Farms at 2:30 followed by a worship service; Service for all ages at the Barber district with Mrs. Allen Field; at 7, regular meeting of Christian Endeavor; at 8, the choir will present an Easter program.

Tuesday at 3, the Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible class meets with Mrs. Colton, leader, Mrs. Giebel; At 7:30, C. E. Cottage service. Wednesday at 3, Mothers' society meets with Mrs. Hopkins on Highland avenue. Topic, "What Shall I Tell my Child About God and the World?" leader, Mrs. Bernard Whitney.

Thursday, all-day meeting of the Women's Missionary society; basket lunch. At 7:30, weekly prayer service, followed by choir rehearsals.

### SOUTH CHURCH

Sunday, 10:45, church school will meet in the Easter service of worship. This will be appropriate to the spirit of the day, with more music than speaking. Everyone will be happy to be again upstairs in the sanctuary which has been done over and refurbished beautifully.

The annual meeting of the Alliance will be held with Mrs. George Kidder as hostess Thursday, April 13. Luncheon will be served at one o'clock, after which the annual reports will be given and the plans laid for the new year. The annual dues will be paid. The program will be in charge of Mrs. J. V. McNeil, who promises a surprise for all.



FOLLOWS HER FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS: Helen Macfadden, daughter of publisher Bernarr Macfadden, is the author of "Help Yourself To Beauty," a new book revealing the secrets of feminine charm. Miss Macfadden, a former Ziegfeld Follies dancer, also writes for her father's magazines.

## Hermon Notes

Good Friday services were held this morning (Friday) in Memorial chapel under the direction of Mr. White and Dr. Porter with the theme of "The Suffering of China." A special offering was taken in behalf of Chinese students in war-torn China.

The assembly at Mount Hermon school tomorrow (Saturday) will be addressed by Dean Thomas Graham of the Oberlin school of Theology. A large delegation of Mount Hermon alumni take their college work at Oberlin.

"The Citadel" will be shown in Camp hall tomorrow (Saturday) night as a special performance under the auspices of the senior class.

The Easter Sunday services will be addressed by Dr. Henry Hallam Tweedy, formerly of the Yale Divinity school.

Holy Thursday communion was celebrated in Memorial chapel under the leadership of the pastor, Lester P. White.

On Wednesday last the annual song fest between the classes was held in Camp hall.

## Diphtheria Clinic

Notices of the diphtheria immunization clinic to be held in the town hall Saturday, April 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. are being sent to all parents in Northfield with children from 6 months to 12 years of age. This clinic is being given by the Board of Health of Northfield and inoculations will be given by Dr. Wright and Dr. Dean. As usual three inoculations will be given dates of which are April 15, May 6 and May 27.

Since the only effective protection against diphtheria is through the injection of toxoid, it is essential that parents who wish this protection bring their children to the clinics. Parents taking advantage of this opportunity should make sure that their children receive all three inoculations for they must have all three if they are to have immunity.

Arrangements for the clinic are being made by Miss Euphrasia Purrington, Public Health Nurse, in cooperation with the committee on clinics of the Public Health council, of which Mrs. Ross Spencer is chairman. If transportation is needed please see Miss Purrington.

## Broadway Serenade

Taking full advantage of the versatility of its star, "Broadway Serenade," starring Jeanette MacDonald, is scheduled to open Sunday at the Latchis Memorial theatre, Brattleboro, for a four-day engagement. The new musical, which traces the struggles of a young singer and her husband in their fight for stardom, offers music lovers the full scope of Miss MacDonald's voice. The melodies include everything from grand opera to semi-classical and popular selections.

## A Library Friend

For a number of years Mrs. Ann Hachita of Wilkesbarre, Pa., (formerly Miss Daisy Ann Merriman of Northfield) has been giving to the Dickinson Memorial Library a worthwhile book, each one of which is evidence not only of her generosity but also of her familiarity with good literature. During the year 1938 she gave the following books: "The Blue China Book," Camiehl; "Two Wars," Mathews; "The Middle of the Orient," Carter; "Ships in the Sky," Gunnerson; "Land of Women," Dowbroski; "Women in the Wilderness," Bell; "And Toll of Time," Krey; "Dawn in Lyon," Chase; "The General's Lady," Forbes; "Zaca Ventura," Beebe; "The Long Way Home," Bates; and "Frontiers of Enchantment," Leigle. —C

## SOUTH VERNON

(West Northfield)

A large elm tree was removed last week from the highway opposite the home of S. J. Martincau by the Electric company. It had split its entire length and was a menace to passersby.

George Thompson has moved to Northfield Farms where he is employed by Charles S. Tenney at his dairy farm.

Earl Lilly underwent an tonsil operation Monday at the Franklin county hospital, Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lilly have Mr. Lilly's mother as their guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edson and child, who lost their home and possessions by fire recently, have moved into rooms in the house occupied by his brother, Walter, and family.

The public are cordially invited to attend the services Easter Sunday at the Advent Christian church, Rev. George A. Gray, pastor. Special music will be rendered by the choir.

We regret that much South Vernon is omitted this week, as the usual mail packet has been lost in the mail somewhere.

## Maple Syrup Scarce

The tapping of maple trees for sap is conspicuous even along the highways these days, and in the orchards preparations have been going on for the past week. Of trees tapped, only a small amount of sap has been obtained and it does not flow freely. With many trees down and some ruined by the hurricane, as well as with the continued cold and the large amount of snow in the hills, it does not seem likely that there will be an abundant supply and its scarcity will eventually increase the cost of the limited supply. A Vermont farmer, visiting Northfield, last week stated that his maple sugaring work is just three weeks behind his record of last year.

# THIS EASTER

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### ERZA STONE

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Comb... his fan mail has been swelling daily... middle of April will be telling time on whether or not Erza Stone and the Aldrich Family replace Jack Benny for the hot months... what's this we hear about Rudy Vallee doubling this summer to sub while Don Ameche and Charlie McCarthy vacation?... when Ethel Barrymore turned up at the Eddie Cantor caravan rehearsal Eddie said "Just call me Eddie"..."Okay" said the theatre's first lady, "and you just call me Toots!"

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CHATTER. N. Y. U. will announce in a few days that it offers a course leading to a Bachelor's degree in radio... the Franciscan Friars will put on the Passion Play daily over WHN during Holy Week.

Dorothy Thompson and Phil Spitalny fold after May 22... don't be surprised if Father Flanagan of Boys Town is signed to appear on a script program... if his plane jell Al Shayne will start a new kind of air show in a month... when Kay Kyser begins his assignment from the Catalina Island Casino his V.E.A.M. & W.H.N. program will emanate from the West Coast... major advertising companies now have war clauses in their contracts giving them the right to cancel performers just in case... Poly Shad.

love is planning another of those women's luncheons for the middle of April... Geo. MacKinnon will have another tune off with the "Fire" ere long.

Smoothies, trio now with Ernie Holst at the Glass Hat is being considered for Hal Kemp's new commercial... you'll soon be doing Hal's wacky Chestnut dance he introduced at the Waldorf... no other commentator has such sincerity and passionate delivery as W.H.N.'s George Hamilton. Combs... his fan mail has been swelling daily... middle of April will be telling time on whether or not Erza Stone and the Aldrich Family replace Jack Benny for the hot months... what's this we hear about Rudy Vallee doubling this summer to sub while Don Ameche and Charlie McCarthy vacation?... when Ethel Barrymore turned up at the Eddie Cantor caravan rehearsal Eddie said "Just call me Eddie"..."Okay" said the theatre's first lady, "and you just call me Toots!"

STORY OF THE WEEK. The Gotham Nights show which W.H.N. offers Friday nights features interviews with interesting personalities in addition to the stars who appear in dramatic and vocal roles.

On a recent program the personality guest was Edward Xiques, a New Yorker whose strange profession is fixing black eyes.

"Sure, I'd be glad to go on the program," he said and the interview was planned. Just before air time however, he approached Arthur Kurlan, producer of the show and said he wouldn't broadcast unless he received five dollars.

"Okay," was the answer, "but why five dollars?"

"Because," said Xiques, "while I'm on the air I could treat 10 black eyes, and I get \$500 each!"

Mother (to battered son): Willie, how often have I told you to stop before fighting and count one hundred?

Willie: That's what I did, but Charlie Jones' mother told him to count to ten!

Pat: Are you in favor of women taking part in public affairs?

Mike: It's all right if you really want the affairs public.

Nit: Aren't you afraid your creditors might see you at this expensive restaurant?

Wit: It's the safest place. They can't afford to come here.

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Tommy had fallen and upset a dish of prunes. Picking himself up he observed: "That's lucky."

"Lucky!" demanded his mother.

"What's lucky?"

"It's lucky I don't like prunes!"

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Friday, April 7, 1939

## EDITORIAL

The widespread destruction of timber during the hurricane of last fall, leaves this town, as well as other towns, in a serious condition, relative to fire hazards. Great destruction to property and possibly loss of life might ensue if we have a dry spring and bad fire. Grave responsibilities rest upon the fire warden and his staff of assistants. A survey of the situation should be made and a plan worked out in preparation for an emergency. No doubt the danger zones have been listed and a list made of all families located therein or nearby. Plans for their evacuation and the removal of goods, animals and farm implements should be well in hand. Such families should also be cared for in any emergency. The Red Cross disaster committee is authorized and can be counted upon to do everything within its power to supplement the town authorities in any emergency, and no doubt the Legion members and Scouts would assist. Let's all be ready to swing into action when the danger signal is sounded. And what's more let everyone be mighty careful, when in or about the wooded lands, with doing anything that might start a fire.

Japan, which is conducting a "Peace campaign" in China with a well equipped army, ruthlessly destroying lives and property, sent to the United States in 1937, over 23,000,000 Easter lily bulbs which we used to commemorate the resurrection of the "Prince of Peace." How many were sold last year, we do not know, nor of the present consumption. Every Japanese lily bulb bought by Americans, just represents another bullet to be driven into the sides of a suffering Chinese people, against whom no "declaration of war" has been made. And by the way better bulbs comes from the Netherlands and from Bermuda.

Aspirations for a hope that the highway through Northfield might be widened and reconstructed this year, seem to diminish as reports come that there will be no such improvement this year. We will have to be satisfied with the filling of holes, the smoothing of shoulders, the removal of bumps by a process of patching. We also learn that the state will not attempt any tree planting this year along the roadway and that the lawns bordering the roadway will receive no further attention. We will eventually learn, that it is well not to expect too much and then we will not be disappointed. Better take down the last remaining sign of "Northfield the beautiful," it belongs to a past age.

## The Back Yard Gardener

I heard someone pull the gag the other days that bacteria are the backdoor of cafeterias. But all fooling aside, "Doc" Boyd, our plant doctor, says that gardeners need to take extra precautions this year so that these bacteria and their second cousins the fungi do not enter at the backdoor of the garden and ruin the vegetables and flowers.

The past two seasons being rather wet were good ones for the development of disease-causing organisms. Sanitation, as you folks know, is a very important part of home garden management. Just as soon as you possibly can, the thing to do is to get out into the vegetable garden or among your flowers and clean up the leaves, old stalks, and other things which have accumulated during the winter and burn them.

Of course, in the vegetable garden plowing stuff under will help control lots of the diseases and also the insects.

It is a good idea to go through all of your shrubs and your grape vines and the like and look for diseased and dead branches and remove them and burn them or at least carry them off to the town dump.

You may not believe it, but lots of diseases seem to winter over right on your garden tools, so it might be a good idea to disinfect them.

And speakin' of diseases it might be a good thing to remind you that damping off is a very common disease for young seedlings. I'm thinking, of course, that many home gardeners are going to try to raise their own plants for setting into the garden.

Of course, commercial growers have already started much of their

early season work, but for the home gardener I think the first of May is plenty early to put young plants into the open garden, so here are a few suggestions to help prevent damping off in your seed flats.

Formaldehyde dust can be added to the soil a few days before planting the seed. The soil should be well pulverized. Add this dust at the rate of one-half pound per bushel of soil, and mix thoroughly. The dust creates a gas which kills the damping off fungi.

Where seeds are sown in the outdoor garden, there is too large an area to treat with formaldehyde dust, so the thing to do is to treat the seed with chemicals. You can, of course, buy seeds which have been treated.

If you want to treat them at home, use red oxide of copper for seeds of eggplants, lettuce, melons, peppers, squash and beets. For cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, celery, parsnip, spinach, and tomatoes use zinc oxide. Either one of these will do for either of the group of plants you can not get the other chemical.

Then for corn, onions, and peas, use the organic mercury compounds which you can buy on the market for protecting seeds against damping off. The seed treatment can be used when planting in flats, but it isn't quite so effective as when formaldehyde dust is added to the soil.

In using these disinfectants on seeds use about one-third to one teaspoonful to each pound of seed. Of course, for smaller amounts use less dust. Place the seed in a jar which has a cover on it and then shakes the seeds and the dust thoroughly, screening off the excess dust. Any ordinary kitchen-sieve will do very well.

Remember that these disinfectants are poisonous and also that treated seed cannot be soaked prior to planting.

Of course, treating soil or seed isn't a perfect cure, says Doc, but it will increase your chances many times over for a successful garden.

Know Massachusetts  
Compiled by  
State Planning Board

Do you know that . . . a law passed in 1779 prohibited parking in Boston for more than one hour assessing a fine of \$1.00 for failure to comply . . . Quabbin reservoir which now supplies Greater Boston with water has a watershed area of about 186 square miles . . . There were, in 1930, in Massachusetts, 2071 miles of railroads and 2804 miles of electric lines . . . At the height of its glory in 1887, the old West End Street Railway company in Boston owned 10,000 horses . . . There are about 13,000 gas stations in Mass. with about 40,000 pumps . . . Taunton is celebrating its 300th anniversary this year, June 4-9 . . . Worcester had illuminating gas in 1849 . . . In 1861 Thomas H. Dodge of Worcester patented a rotary press, the initial exponent of the new era of lightning presses by which blank paper is fed directly from the roll . . . The "Pledge to the Flag" was written in the office of the Youth's Companion of Boston in 1888 by James B. Upham of Malden . . . The port of Boston is the second largest in volume of imports in the United States . . . In the heyday of the horse-drawn vehicle more than 90 per cent of this country were manufactured in this country . . . The steam calliope, such as used in circus parades, was invented by J. C. Stoddard of Worcester in 1858 . . . Professor W. Elmer Eklaw of Clark university will be the keynote speaker at the National Planning conference in Boston, May 15-17.

## WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE

"Eat what you like," Said Doctor A.  
"Enjoy yourself, Live for today."

"You must not mix," Said Doctor B.  
"Fresh fruit and starch, They disagree."

"Go on a fast," Said Doctor C.  
"Eat not at all And you'll be well."

"Eat only prunes," Said Doctor D.  
"On food intake You must go slow."

"Eschew all meat," Said Doctor E.  
"And live the biologic way."

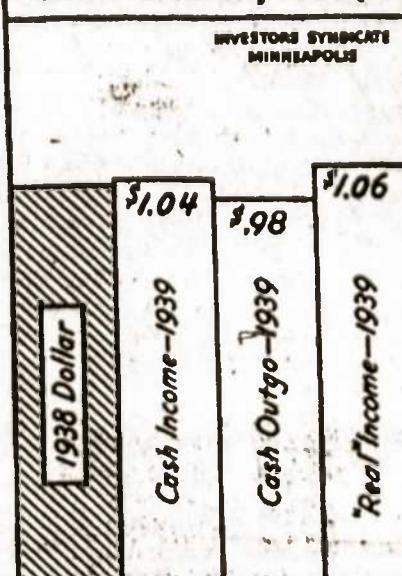
"Ignore pet fads," Said Doctor F.  
"Or you will wear A diadem."

Thus doctors all Quite disagree While men die of Perplexity.

By Grenville Kleiser

American Income Rises  
6 Cents; Living Costs  
Dip Two Cents in Year

PURCHASING POWER  
FEBRUARY, 1939, Compared  
With FEBRUARY, 1938



LATCHIS MEMORIAL BRATTLEBORO AUDITORIUM  
Matinee, 2:30; Evening at 6:45 - 8:30; Sunday at 6:20 - 8:30

Friday, April 7  
Frederic March - Joan Bennett  
"TRADE WINDS"  
News - Cartoon - Oddity  
Saturday, April 8  
Special Acts - Vaudeville:  
"SOCIETY LAWYER"  
Walter Pidgeon - Virginia Bruce

Sun. thru Wed. Apr. 9 - 12  
Janet MacDonald  
"BROADWAY SERENADE"  
News - Specialty  
Thur. thru Sat. Apr. 13 - 15  
"MADE FOR EACH OTHER"  
Carole Lombard - James Stewart  
News - Travelog - Comedy

## CLASSIFIED

HATERS - First insertion 25 cents -  
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THE above chart, showing how  
I average American fared in  
national income changes in the last  
twelve months, is based on the  
monthly consumers' study of In-  
vestors Syndicate, of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Public in February  
had a "real income" of \$1.06, or  
an increase of 6 cents on the dollar  
from the same 1938 month. This  
"real income" is not a subtraction  
of cash income and expenditures,  
but an average relative of these  
figures designed to show how living  
costs affect adjusted income dollars.

Cash income of Mr. and Mrs.  
Public in February was \$1.04 for  
every \$1 a year earlier. This gain  
of four cents on the dollar resulted  
from the following changes per  
dollar: wages up sixteen cents and  
salaries six cents; investment in-  
come was down 29 cents and other  
income was up one cent on the  
dollar.

Rents were off two cents in Feb-  
ruary as compared with the same  
1938 month. Food was down two  
cents on the dollar; clothing was  
off five cents; and miscellaneous  
items were down three cents.

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sonable rent. Immediate occu-  
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Employer (to newly hired  
typist): Now I hope you thor-  
oughly understand the importance  
of punctuation?

Stenog: Oh, yes, indeed. I al-  
ways get to work on time.

Friday and Saturday  
JEAN PARKER in  
"Romance Of The  
Redwoods"  
also  
"Sudden Money"

Sun. - Mon. - Tues.  
BOB BURNS in  
"I'm From Missouri"  
Also News - Comedy - Cartoons

At The Victoria  
Friday, Saturday, April 7, 8:  
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and Bobby Jordan, also, "Tom  
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